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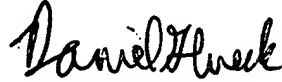
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF APRIL 21, 2004 INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicant gratefully wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in granting and conducting with Applicant's representative on April 21, 2004, a personal interview with Applicant's representative. At the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the August 18, 2003 Request for Reconsideration, as well as Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2-46418, which was cited in the September 17, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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